

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-15 (canceled)

Claim 16 (previously presented): A method for controlling imaging devices, the method comprising:

- scanning a stack comprising a first sheet, at least one middle sheet, and a last sheet, wherein the at least one middle sheet is interposed between the first sheet and the last sheet, wherein the at least one middle sheet comprises a control sheet associated with the stack and the at least one middle sheet comprises a control sheet comprising a control image, and wherein the control image comprises at least one control instruction;
- locating the control image on the at least one control sheet;
- producing output based on the stack of sheets;
- processing the at least one control instruction and using the at least one control instruction for processing the output.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The method of claim 16 wherein the scanning step is a copying step.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The method of claim 16 wherein the output is a result of an image acquisition task.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The method of claim 16 wherein the output is a result of an image production task.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The method of claim 16 wherein the producing step is performed after the processing step.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The method of claim 16 wherein the producing step is performed before the processing step.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The method of claim 16 wherein the control image is in machine-readable format.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The method of claim 16 wherein the control image is text.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The method of claim 16 wherein the control image is numbers.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The method of claim 16 wherein the at least one control instruction comprises operating instructions.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The method of claim 16 wherein the method further comprises locating a second control sheet comprising a second control image, wherein the second control image comprises at least one control instruction, and the second control sheet is associated with the stack.

Claim 27 (previously presented): A method for controlling imaging devices, the method comprising:

- scanning a stack comprising a plurality of sheets, wherein the plurality of sheets comprises two control sheets located at two different locations within the stack, wherein each control sheet comprises a control image comprising at least one control instruction and wherein each control sheet is associated with the stack;
- locating each of the control image on the two control sheets;
- producing output based on the stack;
- processing each of the control instruction from the control image and using at least one of the control instructions for processing the output.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The method of claim 27 wherein the scanning step is a copying step.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The method of claim 27 wherein the output is a result of an image acquisition task.

Claim 30 (previously presented): The method of claim 27 wherein the output is a result of an image production task.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The method of claim 27 wherein the producing step is performed after the processing step.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The method of claim 27 wherein the producing step is performed before the processing step.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The method of claim 27 wherein at least one of the control images of the two control sheets is in machine-readable format.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The method of claim 27 wherein at least one of the control images of the two control sheets is numbers.

Claim 35 (canceled)